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In re application of

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PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF OXAZOLE  
DERIVATIVES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, immediately after the title, please insert:

This application is a 371 of PCT/JP00/06302 filed September 14, 2000.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 38, line 24 to page 39, line 7 with  
the following rewritten paragraph:

**Example 3**

Methyl 2-(4-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxo-4-oxazolin-5-yl)propionate

4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-oxo-4-oxazoline (3.00 g) and methyl acrylate (1.52 mL) were dissolved in methanol (15 mL), and a solution (0.30 mL) of 28% sodium methoxide (NaOMe) in methanol was added. The obtained mixture was stirred with reflux for 2 h, and the solvent was concentrated under reduced pressure. Toluene (21 mL) and water (21 mL) were added to the residue and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The mixture was cooled to not